

September 4, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, September 4, 2012, in the Village Board Room. Village President Pro-Tem Terry Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks. Village President Matt Bernius and Trustee JD Kuhns were absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of August 20, 2012, were approved as presented.

Presentation by David W. Pistorius from First Midstate Inc. regarding refunding bonds

- David W. Pistorius presented information regarding his company, the bonds available to the Village, and the steps to refund the Village's bonds. He explained the savings and the costs to the taxpayers and to the Village. First Midstate and their attorneys, Chapman and Cutler, only get paid if bonds are sold. The only out-of-pocket expense is a couple of newspaper notifications, including that will be published in tomorrow's paper for the public hearing and one later for the ordinance. There was discussion regarding the State Bank of Arthur, who currently holds the General Obligation bonds, refunding the bonds directly. It is a possibility to hire First Midstate to refund one bond and refund the other bond directly with the State Bank of Arthur.
- K. Good made a motion to hire First Midstate and their attorneys to work on the current bond obligations as presented. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements – None

Trustees' Reports

- K. Good commented about the weather for the Cheese Festival and the good turnout yesterday.
- L. Miller stated the Vine Street resurfacing has been completed. He complimented the Street and Alley Department for their work.
- D. Tiffan has had questions about the old Citgo gas station. K. Good reported on her conversation with Bob Doan and the work being done. D. Tiffan had questions about barricades during the Cheese Festival.
- I. Dicks commented on the Street and Alley work. She and L. Miller worked on the Welcome Center before the Festival. Volunteers are being lost at the Center due to health issues; more volunteers are needed. She encouraged the School District to proceed with the Atwood-Hammond district.
- T. Clark stated the power box was completed in the IGA parking lot. He received a call about some leaks in the Welcome Center roof. He also complimented the Street and Alley Department. He asked Jim Jurgens for comments about the bond refunding. J. Jurgens thought changes could be made in a couple of weeks; an attorney would need to be hired. There was discussion about the costs associated with the refunding. Fees will be checked before the next meeting.

Police Chief's Report

- Chief Mike Goodman has had a request for some signage for trucks on Dogwood Drive. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- There were no issues during the Cheese Festival.

Village Attorney's Report

- Robert Crossman stated he is still working on the issue on Cedar Street. There will be a hearing on the 28th. Due to delay tactics, it will be probably another 60-90 days until there is a hearing.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Jim Jurgens, David Pistorius, and Village employee Sue Perrine.

Old Business – None

New Business

- Chief Goodman reviewed a request to change Officer Jesse Whitford's status to permanent part-time. This will help set some shifts that are difficult to cover. He would work 32 hours per week. Chief Goodman reviewed the other benefits J. Whitford would receive and benefits to the Village. He requested a bump in pay for the Officer with the status change, from \$12.05 to \$14-15 per hour. D. Tiffan made a motion to change Officer Jesse Whitford's employment status to permanent part-time at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Chief Goodman stated the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria is now excess equipment and is being cleaned for sale. I. Dicks moved to declare the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria as excess equipment and to advertise for bids. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to set Trick or Treat time on Wednesday, October 31, from 5pm to 8pm. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed information regarding her and President Bernius tentatively attending the IML Conference in Chicago on October 18-20. The registration is \$250 for registration; rooms are \$241 per night. She will take the train and there will be some meals she / they will have to purchase. The total cost will be \$1,071 per person. K. Good made a motion to allow for the attendance of President Bernius and S. Perrine to attend the IML Conference in Chicago in October. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine explained the final pay request for Neco. It will need to be added to the bill amount tonight. The project was approved previously.
- CIMOA reservations are due by the next Board meeting.
- There will be a town hall meeting this Thursday 6pm in Community Room at Eberhardt Village with State Representatives Adam Brown and Chapin Rose.
- She submitted a work request with Ameren for the two new lights.
- Jeff Mercer and Storm Smith are back to work.
- Jumpin Jimmy's has been sold again; the new name will be Jack Flash-Arthur.
- L. Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding employee performance (Illinois Statutes, 5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Pro-Tem Clark re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, D. Tiffan, and I. Dicks.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$25,882.91, plus the bill to Ne-Co for \$52,556.72. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Pro-Tem Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

APPROVED 
Village President Pro-Tem

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE September 17, 2012